

## HAWKINS DNA Project

Newsletter 2004-02

29 Feb 2004

This Newsletter is sent as a blind copy to protect individual identities.

Project site: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdna/project/>.

**New Email:** [phil\\_hawkins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phil_hawkins@sbcglobal.net) {phil\_hawkins"at"sbc.... }.

I have been making some changes in my computers; DSL, adding a new hard drive, networking, upgrading to Windows XP – jobs that should take a few hours over a few days, but takes a few weeks and still not exactly what I want. So – some things that I want to do did not get done: adding pictures to the “Trees” section, changing the “Tables” to show 37 markers, and some clean-up work on the home page to hopefully make it easier to use and simpler to understand the concepts of what DNA is doing for the genealogy community. Well – in March.

It looks like my line to Jeffery & Dorothy (Mattock) from Wiltshire in 1682 will become HAWKINS Group-04. Participant #16539 is a match on the first 12. We'll wait for the remaining 13 marker results before posting.

### Results of our Hawkins project achieved to date:

Number of participants..... 26  
Sample kits not yet returned..... 03  
DNA results received..... 23  
Unique Hawkins lines established..... 13

One of the lists that I monitor is the GENEALOGY-DNA-L at Rootsweb. Following are quotes from a couple of messages on that list that reflect my thoughts on DNA and Genealogy in general.

1. Quoting Ernie Hurst (with permission): "Anybody with a computer & internet access can do 'popular internet genealogy' and anybody with enough money & desire can travel all over the country, digging around in courthouses, archives, libraries, etc. On the other hand, NOBODY can do genealogy DNA testing without using one or more of the companies that are regularly discussed here. We're not there yet, but eventually DNA testing may well replace a good portion of the opinions, speculation, guesswork and, yes, downright fiction, which has passed for genealogy in the past. DNA testing is another tool, just like going to the NARA or a courthouse, and should be treated with equal respect."
2. Quoting Dr. David K. Faux (with permission): "Allow me a quick aside on this matter since it leads into my bottom line. I paid about \$2500 to a specialist in the church records of a certain Midwest city to find my father - in - law's baptism. After 3 reports composed on stuff that was downloaded from the Internet and still no closer to finding the one record, I decided I would try some "do it yourself" genealogy of the no money variety and found the baptismal record within 20 minutes of entering the door to the County Archives. Yet for a paltry \$169 invested in a single DNA test I have my Grandfather's Shetland Viking signature and the names of two 25 / 25 matches with a different surname (patronymics and all that) and thus the names of hundreds of "new" cousins. This is less than what it would cost to stay for two nights in one of the finer motels in beautiful downtown Barstow, [CA] while I made a futile search for a record that was probably burned in a fire a hundred years ago."

This site is very busy, and sometimes gets very technical. You can sign on by sending a message “subscribe” with a subject “subscribe” to [GENEALOGY-DNA-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:GENEALOGY-DNA-L-request@rootsweb.com). If it is too much, you can remove yourself by sending “unsubscribe” to the same address.

A prime example of how our Hawkins Project will help one of our members: “I have tracked a direct male descendant of Morgan Hawkins whom I believe is a son of Matthew Hawkins... I also have tracked a direct male descendant of Aaron Hawkins (b. 1793) whom I believe is a son of Matthew Hawkins. I have a large body of evidence that Morgan, Aaron and Rhoda Hawkins are siblings. Rhoda said her father is Matthew Hawkins. This is why I am interested in getting the two direct male descendants of Matthew tested. These two, Morgan and Aaron, I am sure are brothers, but I can find no evidence on a hard copy that they are.” When the results come in we'll know if they were brothers.

